

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A frequency-selective circuit comprising:
2 an active device providing an input port and an output port, the active device
3 having a bandwidth defined by a cutoff frequency;
4 a reactive component coupled to the output port; and
5 a compensation resistance coupled to the reactive component, wherein the
6 compensation resistance is effective to compensate for a bandwidth
7 limitation of the active device.

- 1 2. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 1, wherein the reactive
2 component comprises a capacitor.

- 1 3. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 2, wherein the
2 compensation resistance comprises a compensation resistor and wherein the
3 compensation resistor has a resistance value that is inversely proportional to a tangent of
4 a phase-shift at a predetermined compensation frequency.

- 1 4. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 3, wherein the
2 compensation resistor has a resistance value that is inversely proportional to a
3 capacitance value of the capacitor.

- 1 5. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 3, wherein the
2 predetermined compensation frequency is a frequency at which a Q_{\max} of the frequency-
3 selective circuit appears.

1 6. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 1, wherein the active
2 device comprises an operational transconductance amplifier (OTA).

1 7. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 6, wherein the reactive
2 component comprises a capacitor.

1 8. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 7, wherein the
2 compensation resistance comprises a compensation resistor and wherein the
3 compensation resistor has a resistance value that is proportional to a tangent of a phase-
4 shift at a predetermined compensation frequency.

1 9. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 8, wherein the
2 compensation resistor has a resistance value that is inversely proportional to a
3 capacitance value of the capacitor.

1 10. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 7, wherein the
2 compensation resistance comprises a resistor and, at a predetermined compensation
3 frequency, the compensation resistor has a resistance value that is proportional to a
4 tangent of a phase-shift of the OTA transconductance at the compensation frequency.

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11. A frequency-selective circuit comprising:

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an operational transconductance amplifier having a bandwidth-limited

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transconductance that is defined by a cutoff frequency;

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a capacitor coupled to an output of the OTA so as to reflect an inductor at an input

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of the OTA; and

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a compensation resistor coupled to the capacitor and effective to compensate for a

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bandwidth limitation of the transconductance.

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12. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 11, wherein, at a

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predetermined compensation frequency, the resistor has a resistance value that is

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inversely proportional to a tangent of a phase-shift at a predetermined compensation

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frequency and inversely proportional to a capacitance value of the capacitor.

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13. The frequency-selective circuit defined in Claim 12, wherein the

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frequency-selective circuit exhibits a Q_{\max} and a Q_{\min} , and wherein the predetermined

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compensation frequency is selected to correspond to Q_{\max} .

1 14. A method of compensating for a bandwidth limitation of an active
2 frequency-selective circuit, the method comprising:
3 determining a compensation frequency;
4 determining a value of an effective negative resistance that results, at least in part,
5 from a bandwidth limitation of an active device in the frequency-selective
6 circuit; and
7 providing in the frequency-selective circuit a compensation resistor that, at the
8 compensation frequency, is effective to compensate the negative
9 resistance.

1 15. The method defined in Claim 14, wherein the compensation frequency is
2 a frequency at which a Q_{\max} of the active frequency-selective circuit occurs.

1 16. The method defined in Claim 14, wherein the active frequency-selective
2 circuit comprises:
3 an active device providing an input port and an output port, the active device
4 having a bandwidth defined by a cutoff frequency; and
5 a reactive device coupled to the output port.

1 17. The method defined in Claim 16, further comprising:
2 coupling the compensation resistor to the reactive device.

1 18. The method defined in Claim 17, wherein the compensation resistor is
2 selected to have a resistance value, at the compensation frequency, that is inversely
3 proportional to the tangent of a phase-shift at the compensation frequency.

1 19. The method defined in Claim 16, wherein the active device comprises an
2 operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) having a transconductance that is
3 bandwidth limited to a frequency approximate to the cutoff frequency.

1 20. The method defined in Claim 17, further comprising:
2 coupling the compensation resistor to the reactive device.

1 21. A method as defined in Claim 20, wherein the compensation resistor is
2 selected to have a resistance value, at the compensation frequency, that is inversely
3 proportional to a phase-shift at the compensation frequency.

1 22. The method defined in Claim 21, wherein the active frequency-selective
2 circuit exhibits a Q_{\max} and a Q_{\min} , the method further comprising:
3 effecting compensation of the negative resistance at a frequency corresponding to
4 Q_{\max} .

1 23. A Gm-C filter circuit comprising:
2 an input node;
3 an output node;
4 an intermediate node;
5 a return node;
6 a first compensated reactive branch coupled between the input node and the
7 intermediate node; and
8 a second compensated reactive branch coupled between the output node and the
9 intermediate node.

1 24. The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 23, wherein the first reactive branch
2 comprises:
3 a first operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) device, the first OTA device
4 having an input port and having a bandwidth defined by a first cutoff
5 frequency;
6 a first reactive device coupled to the output port of the first OTA device; and
7 a first compensation resistance coupled to the first reactive device; and wherein
8 the second reactive branch comprises:
9 a second OTA device, the second OTA device having an input port and having a
10 bandwidth defined by a second cutoff frequency;
11 a second reactive device coupled to the output port of the second OTA device;
12 and
13 a second compensation resistance coupled to the second reactive device.

1 25. The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 23, wherein the first cutoff frequency is
2 substantially equal to the second cutoff frequency.

1 26. The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 23, wherein the first compensation
2 resistance is effective to compensate for a bandwidth limitation of the first OTA device
3 and the second compensation resistance is effective to compensate for a bandwidth
4 limitation of the second OTA device.

1 27. The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 25, wherein the first reactive device
2 comprises a first capacitor and a second reactive device comprises a second capacitor.

1 28. The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 26, wherein the first compensation
2 resistance comprises a first compensation resistor having a first resistance value that is
3 inversely proportional to the tangent of a phase-shift at a first compensation frequency
4 and wherein the second compensation resistance comprises a second compensation
5 resistor having a second resistance value that is inversely proportional to the tangent of a
6 phase-shift at a second compensation frequency.

1 29. The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 27, wherein, the compensation
2 frequency, the first resistance value is inversely proportional to a capacitance value of the
3 first capacitor and the second resistance value is inversely proportional to a capacitance
4 value of the second capacitor.

1 30. The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 28, wherein the Gm-C filter circuit
2 exhibits at least a Q_{\max} and a Q_{\min} and wherein the compensation frequency is selected to
3 correspond to the Q_{\max} .

1 31. The Gm-C filter defined in Claim 29, wherein the first OTA device and
2 the second OTA device each comprise:
3 a first OTA having differential inputs and differential outputs: and
4 a second OTA having differential inputs and differential outputs, and wherein the
5 differential outputs of the first OTA are coupled to the differential inputs
6 of the second OTA; and
7 the differential outputs of the second OTA are coupled to the differential inputs of
8 the first OTA.

1 32. A system comprising:
2 a low-noise amplifier (LNA) to receive a modulated carrier signal;
3 a mixer coupled to the LNA;
4 a demodulator coupled to the mixer; and
5 a bandwidth-compensated filter coupled to the LNA, the bandwidth-compensated
6 filter comprising:
7 an active device providing an input port and an output port, the active
8 device having a bandwidth defined by a cutoff frequency;
9 a reactive component coupled to the output port; and
10 a compensation resistance coupled to the reactive component, wherein the
11 compensation resistance is effective to compensate for a bandwidth
12 limitation of the active device.

1 33. The system defined in Claim 32, wherein the reactive component
2 comprises a capacity and wherein the compensation resistance comprises a compensation
3 resistor having a resistance value that is inversely proportional to a product of a
4 capacitance value of the capacitance and a tangent of a phase-shift at a predetermined
5 compensation frequency.

1 34. The system defined in Claim 33, wherein the active device comprises an
2 operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) having a bandwidth-limited
3 transconductance that is defined by a cutoff frequency.

1 35. The system defined in Claim 34, wherein the phase-shift is the phase-shift
2 of the transconductance at the predetermined frequency.

1 36. The system defined in Claim 35, wherein the predetermined frequency is
2 the frequency at which a maximum Q of the bandwidth-compensated filter occurs.